

Beach Commission Minutes- Meeting of 04/08/2014

Attending: Rian Wilkinson, Bill Seiple, John Ceglarski, John Crimmins, Steve Ponte, Chris Semonelli, Dave Leys, Gary Lapidas

1. Open meeting 4:32.

2. Approved minutes of March 11, 2014- no changes.

3. COA- Dave McLaughlin

Beach commission approved concept of having banners- enclosed in plexi- glass frames (approx 4'x6'), on 3-4 lifeguard towers (Second Beach) . Rian was concerned that this could lead to other agencies wanting to do the same. Also, he was sure there would be patrons who would not want any banners on the beach. He suggested placing the banners, supporting beach ecology, on the path entrances, rather than on the beach. Will C will forward this information to Shawn Brown.

4. Fly Board Proposal- Ken Gallison

A Fly Board is an apparatus that allows a person to be propelled approximately 10-12' above the ocean by water pressure- it would operate from a Jet Ski operated by Ken Gallison.

Mr Gallison has his Captain's license, as required by the USCG, and, appropriate, liability insurance. This operation would operate beyond the Third Beach harbor limits....There would not be any beach sales or concession area on the beach - it would be by appointment, only.

The Beach commission approved the concept since it would not have any effect on the beach patrons or, actually, be classified as a town concession. We did recommend that he confer with the town administrator and solicitor.

5. Beach up-date... Will Cronin was not able to attend and this will be continued to the May meeting. Rian noted that the town has begun to move sand at Third Beach- this is the first time in several years that there has not been a single severe storm.

6. Harbor Master report- Steve Ponte

Steve reported that almost all mooring and kayak registration will be on line.

Moorings- there will be, as in the last few years, continued upward movement on the wait list. Specific numbers should be available in May.

Kayak Racks- With additional racks, most who signed up on the original list, will have spaces.

***The commission agreed that renters, who do not use the racks, should be contacted and, possibly, lose their space. This would be similar to the mooring contract.**

7. Concession move- Third Beach- no decision

8. Steve Ponte notified the beach commission that parking regulations are being ignored in the boat ramp area. This has lead to verbal and, near, physical confrontations. Boaters are unable to, easily, launch or retrieve their craft. This would include MFD rescue equipment. A major cause of this problem is the large number of patrons coming to have beach parties, in the late afternoon, and, totally ignoring the no parking areas.

Solutions: 1) Additional “high visibility” no parking signs. Will Cronin and Michael Stahl will confer with Steve Ponte. 2) A full time

Third Beach supervisor- as recommended by the beach commission in 2013 and 2014. Steve strongly supports this plan.

9. Navy Beach

The NFW, in conjunction with the town, deepened the creek, reconfigured the town and NBS dunes and provided plover habitat. Volunteers will begin a dune grass planting project immediately.

New Business

Rian reported that he attended the public meeting of the Sachuest Beach Building Advisory Committee- Attendance, approx. 12.

Tom O'Loughlin gave a brief over-view of future plans. He said existing building improvements and, a possible, 25% building addition are being considered. (CRMC will, usually, allow a 25% increase, at the existing elevation>) Improvements would be done in stages. Other speakers praised the beach commission for the years of work they had put into the building study.

Improvement recommendations are, basically, the same as described in past reports- increase showers, increase lifeguard dressing rooms, add a counting room, increase bathroom facilities, improve concession facility etc. NO time frame or cost estimates were given.

Meeting adjourned 5:56 pm.